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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA - BAHAMAS POSITION

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS TALKED TO BAHAMIAN AMBASSADOR JOHNSON ON OCTOBER 15 REGARDING BAHAMIAN POSITION ON KOREA QUESTION. LUERS URGED BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF US SPONSORED RESOLUTION AND AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT WAS NOW PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE JOINTLY SPONSORED QUOTE FRIENDLY UNQUOTE RESOLUTION BUT WAS STILL CONSIDERING ABSTENTION ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. LUERS PROMISED TO FOLLOW-UP WITH AMBASSADOR JOHNSON WITH AIDE MEMOIRE OUTLINING OUR POSITION. LUERS STRESSED THE GREAT IMPORTANCE US GOVERNMENT GIVES TO VOTE ON KOREAN QUESTION AND URGED BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT TO VOTE AGAINST POTENTIALLY

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DAMAGING HOSTILE RESOLUTION. AMBASSADOR JOHNSON SAID HE

IS RETURNING TO NASSAU ON FRIDAY AND WILL CONVEY THESE VIEWS AGAIN TO HIS GOVERNMENT STATING THAT HE KNEW THAT AMBASSADOR WEISS HAS DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE IN NASSAU.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE DELIVERED TODAY TO BAHAMIAN EMBASSY:

QUOTE THE UNITED STATES, TOGETHER WITH TWENTY-SEVEN OTHER CO-SPONSORS, HAS PROPOSED A RESOLUTION ON KOREA TO THE 30TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THIS RESOLUTION HAS THE FOLLOWING AIMS:

-- MAINTENANCE OF THE ARMISTICE WITHOUT THE UN COMMAND;

-- A MEETING OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED - THE TWO KOREAN GOVERNMENTS, THE US AND CHINA - TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE;

-- ACHIEVEMENT OF REDUCTION OF TENSION AND THE RECONCILIATION OF THE PARTIES.

THE OPPOSING RESOLUTION MAY APPEAR TO HAVE SIMILAR OBJECTIVES. IN FACT, HOWEVER, AS CAN BE SEEN FROM THE LETTER INTRODUCING IT, IT AIMS FOR:

-- A CONFERENCE TO WHICH THE SOUTH KOREANS ARE NOT EVEN TO BE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE;

-- ABOLITION OF THE UN COMMAND WITHOUT ACHIEVING AN AGREED ARMISTICE REPLACEMENT MECHANISM TO ASSURE MAINTENANCE OF THE ARMISTICE;

-- REMOVAL OF ALL US TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA:

---- DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEIR PRESENCE IS A BILATERAL US-ROK MATTER, AND

---- DESPITE THE FACT THAT NORTH KOREA IS MAINTAINING ITS DEFENSE TREATIES WITH THE PRC AND USSR WHICH HAVE TROOPS IMMEDIATELY ACROSS THEIR BORDERS WITH NORTH KOREA.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THE RESOLUTION IT CO-SPONSORS REPRESENTS THE PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED WISHES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE INTEREST OF PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA MUCH MORE THAN DOES THE COMPETING PROPOSITION. IT THEREFORE WISHES TO URGE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS TO SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION AND TO OPPOSE THE COMPETING RESOLUTION. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ALSO

URGES THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
TO VOTE AGAINST THE EFFORT THAT IS BEING MADE TO OBTAIN
PRIORITY FOR THE COMPETING RESOLUTION DESPITE THE FACT THAT
THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTED BY THE UNITED STATES WAS SUB-
MITTED SEVERAL WEEKS EARLIER.

THESE RESOLUTIONS INVOLVE A VITAL SECURITY ISSUE OF MAJOR
IMPORTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, WHICH

ANTICIPATES THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS.
END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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